seized at each of the four international airports and Bombay sea port during the above period;

(d) the quantity alongwith the value of seized gold and narcotics brought into India from Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and other Gulf countries separately and the number of persons apprehended alongwith their nationality, during the above period; and

(e) what is Government's estimate of smuggled gold and narcotics which is arriving into the country from each of the above countries annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dharna by handloom and Powerloom weavers at Boat Club in Delhi

2163. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the handloom and powerloom weavers from all over the country staged a one-day dharna at Boat Club in Delhi on February 29, 1988 to protest against the unprecedented hike in yarn prices and also against the Central Government textile policy;

(b) whether they have submitted a charter of demands to him; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A representation has been received and is being eramined.

Allotment of lockers in Banks

2164. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nationalised banks do not allot lockers to customers unless they deposit a certain amount with the bank as fixed deposit; and

(b) if so, what are the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India in respect of allotment of lockers by the nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India have issued instructions to all the public sector banks regarding allotment of lockers. These instructions provide that atleast 80 per cent of the lockers should be allotted by banks on first-cum-first served basis and the remaining 20 per cent on business considerations. The banks should not insist on fixed deposits as a prerequisite for allotment of lockers. There will, however, be no objection to banks seeking a deposit (but not as a condition for allotment) from the applicant who has been allotted a locker to cover the annual rent of the locker from the interest on the deposit. In the alternative, advance payment of locker rent for a period of 3 yars may be collected from the locker holder.

Specific complaints of non-observance of the guidelines brought to the notice of the Government/Reserve Bank of India are promptly looked into for remedial action.

Leanding programme of banks for consumer durables

2165. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that private financial companies engaged